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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

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Please delete par. 69 on page 13 and substitute therefor:

Fig. 6 illustrates elements of a capacity calculating engine (CCE) environment 601 according to one embodiment. As shown, a capacity calculating engine 600, sales graphical user interface (GUI) 604, other applications 606, and network element inventory 106 are shown. Additionally, network element inventory 106 includes held and pending order files.

Please delete par. 70 on page 13 and substitute therefor: